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October 4, 2002

MARLIN RISINGER, JR. (RETIRED)

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A
Cotton Valley "C", "D" and Chapman Sands
Davis Sand, Reservoir B
Calhoun Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 340467.0004

Dear Sir:

On behalf of MIDROC OPERATING COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley "C", "D" and Chapman Sands, Davis Sand, Reservoir B, and the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Calhoun Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

1. To dissolve the drilling and production units designated as CV C SUI (created by Order No. 397-J-6, effective October 1, 1985), CV D SUX (created by Order No. 397, effective March 1, 1958), CHA SUI (created by Order No. 397-C-1, effective February 22, 1979), and DAVIS RB SUA (created by Order No. 397-D-3, effective November 6, 1975), in the Calhoun Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
2. Simultaneously with the dissolution of the abovesaid units, to establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit (to be designated as CV RA SUA) for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Calhoun Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat attached hereto.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests with the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate Midroc Operating Company as the unit operator of CV RA SUA.
5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Calhoun Field, should be located no closer than 660 feet from any unit boundary and no closer than 2000 feet from any other well drilling to, permitted for, or completed in the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Calhoun Field.
6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Calhoun Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing interval between the depths of 9055 feet and 10,097 feet (electric log measurements), in the Midroc Operating Company - Trichel 4-13 No. 1 Well located in Section 4, Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of Midroc Operating Company, 333 Texas Street, Suite 1414, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Robin Smith at (318)221-6201 during normal business hours or write Mr. Smith at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plats, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

By Pre-Application Notice dated September 13, 2002, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no request for a conference, and accordingly, no conference will be held.

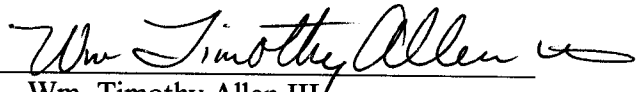
A check in the amount of \$3,500.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

Conservation Commissioner
October 4, 2002
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This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. Charles E. McGough, Monroe District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

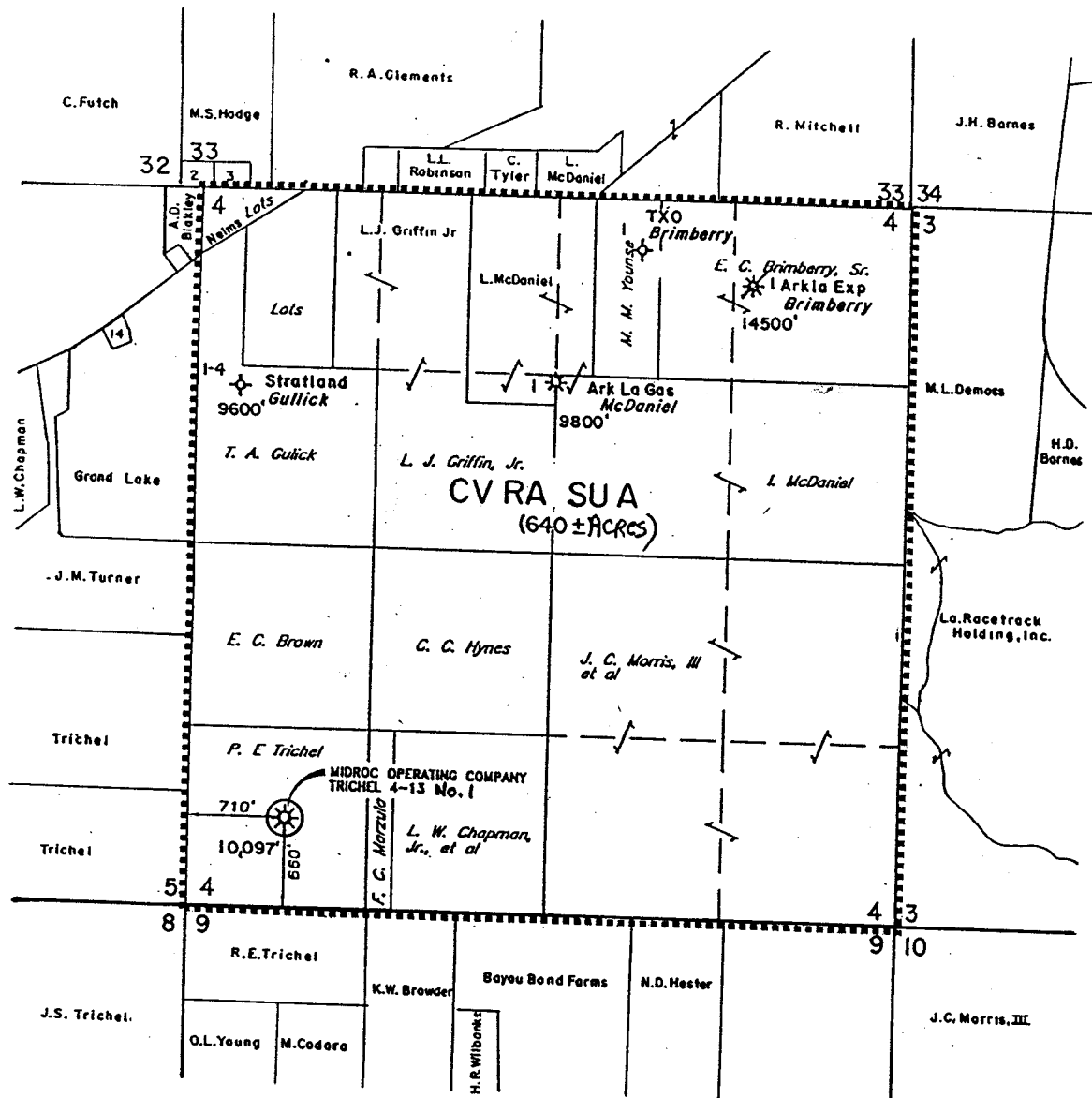
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Enclosures

- cc: Mr. Charles E. McGough, Monroe
District Manager, Office of Conservation
(w/enclosures)
- cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

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----- PROPOSED UNIT

⊗ PROPOSED UNIT WELL

DOCKET NO

EXHIBIT

MIDROC OPERATING COMPANY
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

UNIT PLAT
CV RA SUA

CALHOUN FIELD
OUACHITA PH, LOUISIANA

0' 1000' 2000' 1/2 Mi.